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" (*d*) No, Sir; but a hunger strike begun on 8th December 1954 was called off on 12th December 1954, as a result of the settlement reached between the parties."

* 1061 *Q.*—SRI R. KRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state what action the Government have taken to settle the labour dispute in No. 6 Beedi Company, Palghat, Malabar?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Labour Officer, Kozhikode, asked the parties to the dispute to be present for conciliation on 2nd November 1954 and 2nd December 1954, but both the parties did not appear for conciliation.

" It has been reported that the strike was called off on 12th December 1954 as a result of the parties coming to an agreement."

Magistrate's Court for Tranquebar

* 1062 *Q.*—SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM :—Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to open a Magistrate's Court at Tranquebar, Mayuram taluk, Tanjore district?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir."

Producers'-cum-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Limited, Cannanore

* 1063 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorandum, dated 8th December 1954, from the retrenched employees of the Cannanore Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Limited, North Malabar, regarding the delay on the part of the Government in approving the resolution of the general body of the above society, dated 19th September 1954, allowing certain concessions to retrenched employees; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The matter is under consideration."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Now, Sir, some of the societies whose financial position is sound have passed resolutions at their general body meetings sanctioning certain amenities to workers employed by them. This has to be approved by the Government. The Government have not passed orders for a long time. May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government will expedite a decision on this matter and also pass an order in general terms so that it may apply to all societies who have passed such

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resolutions at the general body meetings so that these societies may not be put to the necessity of applying to the Government for their approval individually?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"Yes, Sir. I expect early orders to be passed by the Government in this matter."

SRI K. T. SREEDHARAN :—"Sir, the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society at Cannanore passed a resolution at their general body meeting sanctioning three months pay as special allowances for their employees. The Government have in their orders not conceded this although they have sanctioned all other resolutions passed at that meeting. May I know whether the Government will sanction it?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"The hon. Member will repeat the question."

SRI K. T. SREEDHARAN :—"The Producers'-cum-Consumers' Co-operative Society at Cannanore passed a number of resolutions at their general body meeting and one of the resolutions related to the granting of three months' pay as special allowance to the employees in view of their meritorious service to the society. The Government have approved all the resolutions except that relating to the payment of allowances to employees. May I ask the Government to accept that also and pass orders early?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"With reference to representations made on behalf of retrenched employees, I have already stated that early orders will be issued."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—"The retrenched employees of Cannanore Co-operative Society have formed themselves into an association and they requested the general body of the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society at Cannanore to grant them a bonus and the general body of that society had passed a resolution agreeing to grant all workers—both retrenched and in service—a bonus. The Government have not accorded sanction to this proposal of the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society at Cannanore and consequently payment to the workers has not been made. Will the Hon. Minister give permission to the society to distribute a portion of its profits to the workers as bonus as it had been approved by the general body of the society?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"The hon. Member is repeating the same question put by the other hon. Member in another form. I have already stated that early orders will be issued."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—"May I know whether the Government will be pleased to examine the legal basis of its power of disapproval of distribution of profits or of the funds of a co-operative society agreed to by its own general body? So far as I know, I think the Government do not have such powers."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"The matter has been referred to the Law Department."

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SRI O. KORAN :—" May I know, Sir, the number of employees retrenched from this society? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have no information regarding the matter."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" It very often happens that answers are given long after or sometimes months after they are prepared in the office and the actual state of affairs are quite different on the day when the answers are given. Even now, the Hon. Minister said that the Government are considering the proposal. But one hon. Member who is expected to know something about it said that all except one resolution have been conceded by the Government. Will the Hon. Minister examine the question and if it is a fact that one prayer has been rejected, may I know, if he will concede that also? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir. The matter will be considered."

Separate Revenue division for Kollegal taluk

* 1064 *Q.*—SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to convert Kollegal taluk into a separate Revenue division?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government."

SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH :—" In view of the fact that Kollegal taluk is separated from its Revenue Divisional headquarters by about 72 miles, may I know whether the Government will take up the question of converting Kollegal taluk into a separate revenue division and pass orders favourably? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" If the hon. Member makes a prima facie case for it, it will be examined."

Shifting of the office of District Educational Officer, South Malabar

* 1065 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to shift the office of the District Educational Officer, South Malabar, from Shoranur; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—(*a*) Yes Sir. The office is to be shifted from Shoranur to Palghat.

" (*b*) Palghat is considered to be better suited to be the headquarters for the office than **Shoranur.**"